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WITH OUR FORCES NEAR JIBUTI.

Lieutenant General Cunningham G.O.C, in East Africa, arrives by plane at Zeila, British Somaliland. At this frontier post, which lies on the border of French Somaliland, men of the King's African Rifles are on guard against the smuggling of foodstuffs into Vichy-French territory. Shortly after sunrise, a bugler brings the dusky warriors in to parade each morning. These are the men who are responsible for the observance of the blockade, and right smartly do they carry out their duties. Like all Company Sergeant Majors, the N.C.O. has a magnificent oval capacity, and knows how to use it. He is detailing his men to take over from other frontier guards who have been on duty over night. Conditions in French Somaliland are reported to be very bad. Vichy French deserters are continually arriving to join the Free French troops. In fact, the authorities are forcing many Jibuti inhabitants to cross the border, in order to relieve the scarcity of food. A ~~man~~ camel boy and two women are brought in after trying to run the blockade ~~over~~^{over} night. The British authorities have large supplies of foodstuffs ready for the Somalis, which will be made available as soon as the Vichy Government may decide to play the game, and help us to put France back where she was before the war. In the meantime, blockade running will get her nowhere.

Although the tide of war is no longer surging in East Africa, there's still a lot of cleaning up to be done.

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